

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Board of Water and Natural Resources is an essential part of the state of South Dakota's water and natural resources policy and development process; and,

Whereas, The people of the state of South Dakota have benefited greatly from clean, safe drinking water, adequate wastewater facilities, and other natural resources preserved and promoted by the efforts of the Board of Water and Natural Resources; and,

Whereas, John Loucks has been an outstanding and dedicated member of the Board of Water and Natural Resources, serving since September 21, 1989; and,

Whereas, John promoted economic development in South Dakota in his former capacity as economic director for the West River Rural Electric Association and later as the executive director of the Old West Regional Commission; and,

Whereas, John was an original member of the Board of Directors of the West Dakota Water Development District and has provided 22 years of service to that organization, including valuable guidance in the development and direction of the organization; and,

Whereas, John served as chairman of the Steering Committee for the Black Hills Hydrology Study and the Black Hills Water Management Study, which greatly enhanced our knowledge and understanding of the quantity, quality, and distribution of surface and ground water resources in the Black Hills; and,

Whereas, John continually spread his enthusiasm for water development to others with his infectious smile and frequent words of encouragement and praise; and,

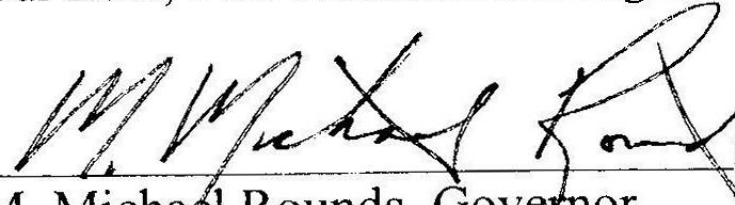
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as governor to recognize John's commitment to making South Dakota a better place to live.

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2008, as

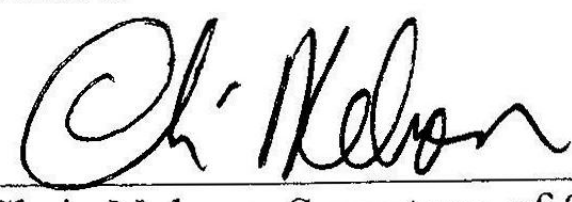
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in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens of the state to join me in thanking John for his dedicated service.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

